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VALEDICTORY.

With this issue my connection with THE CHRONICLE ceases. Sixteen months ago, without an hour's previous experience at newspaper work, I took charge of its columns. Whatever mistakes may have been made during that time must be attributed to the head and not to the heart. It was my intention first, last and all the time, to stand unflinchingly with the people and their interests. But the record is behind me and cannot be altered now. If any good has been accomplished the dearest satisfaction will be the consciousness of having striven to do right. I bespeak for my successor the support so cordially awarded to me. HUGH GOERLEY.

Gov. Russell, of Massachusetts, belongs to a precise family. Recently Col. Harry Russell called on his brother, the governor, at the state house, and was ushered into the executive chamber in his turn in the conventional manner. A friend who was in the outer office, says that he was somewhat amused at the greeting between the two brothers. "Good morning, colonel," the governor said, rising to meet Harry. "Good morning, your excellency," said Harry, with all the dignity of a subaltern member of the staff addressing his commander-in-chief. The governor and the colonel invariably address each other, even on informal public occasions, after the accepted style that prevails between subordinate and superior officers.

A prominent fish and game merchant of Portland sends in the following complaint against the deer-skin hunters of the surrounding country: "Notwithstanding all efforts made to put an end to the practice of killing deer for their skins, it appears that the miserable, contemptible skin-hunter is still at his work of destruction in the Cascades. Several boxes of deer skins have been received here lately, put up in a way to conceal the contents. The proper persons have this matter in hand, and are taking steps to secure the punishment of the guilty parties."

According to the late decision of the Oregon supreme court each county will have to pay its state tax on the basis of the levy made by the state board of equalization. This decision will effect many counties as to mortgages, city and town property and real estate and counties like Multnomah which have been assessing mortgages at 50 per cent. This is certainly neither equality nor uniformity, so long as other property is assessed at a much lower rate but since the supreme court has spoken it must be accepted as another absurdity of our most absurd system of assessment.

It is deeply touching to read the pathetic protest of Tony Noltnier's paper against the taxation of certain wax angels which were received at Baltimore the other day from abroad, which are intended to be used for decorating Christmas trees. "Even angels are required to pay a tax before they can enter," says the Dispatch. How fortunate it is that Tony himself is a native product.

It is said that Mrs. Deacon, the faithless wife who recently figured in the infamous scandal at Nice, is now living in California and expresses regret over the publicity given to her affairs. We gather from this that the unhappy lady is deeply penitent that her liaison was discovered.

The manufacturers of razor strops have always taken great care to keep secret the nature of the composition used in the manufacture of their special commodity. This material is now declared to be composed of coke, ground to an impalpable powder, made into a paste with fat and perfumed with an ethereal oil.

Salem will celebrate the Fourth in great shape. Besides the regular patriotic ceremonies she will have an encampment of state troops, sham battle and industrial parade.

The Dispatch says: "The Dalles City is being repainted;" meaning, we suppose the steamer known by that name. The town don't need repainting.

Dr. Briggs, the heretical Presbyterian divine, has created another sensation by joining the auxiliary league of the Salvation Army.

The state has sued Baker county for \$12,000 miscellaneous taxes which have been accumulating since 1879.

Goldendale will celebrate on the Fourth.

Lovers of art, no less than the catholic world, are deeply interested in the announcement that Pope Leo is to contribute to the art exhibit of the worlds fair. Few Americans, even among those familiar with the art centers of Europe, have been privileged to scan the storied treasures of the Vatican. The extent of the papal exhibit at Chicago, has not yet been made known, but there is no doubt that it will include many of the rarest famous antiquarian as well as artistic specimens. The Vatican is a veritable storehouse of such treasures as bring delight to the student and the artist. Even a fragment of its treasures will make a display of rarest interest and value. There is, moreover, the assurance that the display will be worthy the occasion and the illustrious exhibitor. Even at this early day there are indications that the art display at the worlds fair will surpass any former collection of treasures on this continent. There is a just feeling of national pride that it should be so. Americans as a whole, are on the threshold of a new era in which the development of art will conspicuously become a national trait. Utilitarianism will cease to be the supreme guiding principle of a people whose culture broadens with the years. That the product of centuries of artistic culture, most of it priceless, should be collected and exhibited on the shores of lake Michigan next year is a happy demonstration that art is truly cosmopolitan. As a leading exhibitor Pope Leo will perform a distinct service to humanity, confirming the already widespread belief in the breadth of his human sympathies.

A great many democrats, as well as men of other parties, are inquiring: "who is Adlai E. Stevenson, of Illinois?" He was first assistant postmaster general under Cleveland. He was also a member of congress from Illinois, in the 44th and 46th sessions. He was born in Christian county, Kentucky, October 23, 1835; removed to Bloomington, Ill., in 1852; was educated at the Illinois Wesleyan University, and at Curtin College, Kentucky; is a lawyer by profession; was master in chancery of Woodford county, Illinois, from 1861 to 1865; was state attorney for the 23d judicial district from 1864 to 1868; was appointed by the president a member of the board of visitors to West Point in 1877. He was elected to the 46th congress by the national greenback and democratic parties. He is now the nominee of the democracy, on the ticket of 1892, for vice-president.

The newspapers of Seattle are arguing that appropriations made for the Columbia river ought to be charged to Oregon, as the river does not belong to Washington. In view of the fact that it flows almost through the centre of the state, entering at the northern boundary and emerging at the southern, and nowhere enters the state of Oregon, says the Spokane Review, we suspect that the Seattle newspapers have an impression that their municipality comprises the entire state of Washington. This idea cropped out when the tide lands were grabbed by local interests. It will continue until the rest of the state sits down upon King county and teaches her some respect for wishes and rights of others.

The recent cool weather was a little against the woolly aphid in the valley, but recent changes assure a larger clip than usual. A Salem paper says "the lambing season of the woolly aphid is not over yet, and many have put off shearing their apshes, leaving the fleece as a protection to the old ones. This is likely to produce a deleterious effect on the wool, and will tend to make the price lower than usual. One orchardist is looking around for a short-horned variety of the woolly aphid to stock his place with, as the Berkshire variety, which he has been raising, is found too delicate for such seasons as the present. He thinks a larger bone and longer wool will produce better results."

The idea of building a city or suburban railway, upon the same principles involved in the construction of a street, or laying a pavement, by municipal authority, is about to be tested in London. The leader of the movement is backed by "the enthusiastic support of the labor element," the dispatch informs us; and "the tory minority is so feeble that its opposition will be immaterial."

A great many miners have gone into the Yukon river country this spring, and good finds are expected. The Treadwell mine, on Douglas island, Alaska, is reported as making regular shipments of bullion amounting to about \$180,000 each month.

The Idaho Free Press has started on its seventh year. It has worked unceasingly for the advancement of Grangeville and Camas Prairie, and much of the development of that rich section is due to its efforts.

The democracy of Colfax are getting ready for a whoop-up. The Commoner has begun the publication of a daily paper. The first issue is a neat, clean and readable journal.

Preparations are well under way for the exposition at Portland this fall, and the affair promises to be a great success.

At an immense indignation meeting at the Portland tabernacle Saturday night, emphatic resolutions were adopted and the United States engineers were handled without gloves, because of their interference with the people in the matter of bridges across the Willamette. Major Handbury was openly charged with taking \$250.00 per month from the port of Portland commission. The port of Portland commission is opposed to any more bridges across the river; free or otherwise, in Portland; and Major Handbury's reports sustain them. Whether they succeed in getting any more free bridges or not, this seems to be a free fight.

President Harrison is not so much in favor of reciprocity as has been imagined. In a state paper sent to the senate, in answer to a resolution of February 24th, calling for information relative to reciprocity negotiations with Canada, he sounds the death knell of that project and plants a mile post in American history by deliberately, in effect, recommending that congress proceed to retaliate upon the dominion for its persistent denial of the rights of American citizens, guaranteed by the treaty of Washington, in connection with the navigation of Canadian canals.

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In the Oregonian account of the settlement of Capt. J. H. Fiske with D. V. B. Henarie, Capt. Fiske says: "If the state election had turned out differently I should not have consented to dismiss the case." He settled on the basis of \$5,000; barely enough to cover his expense of the litigation, and as he has a number of personal friends who believed he had a good cause, who are surprised at the turn affairs have taken they naturally inquire: "What had the state election to do with it?"

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